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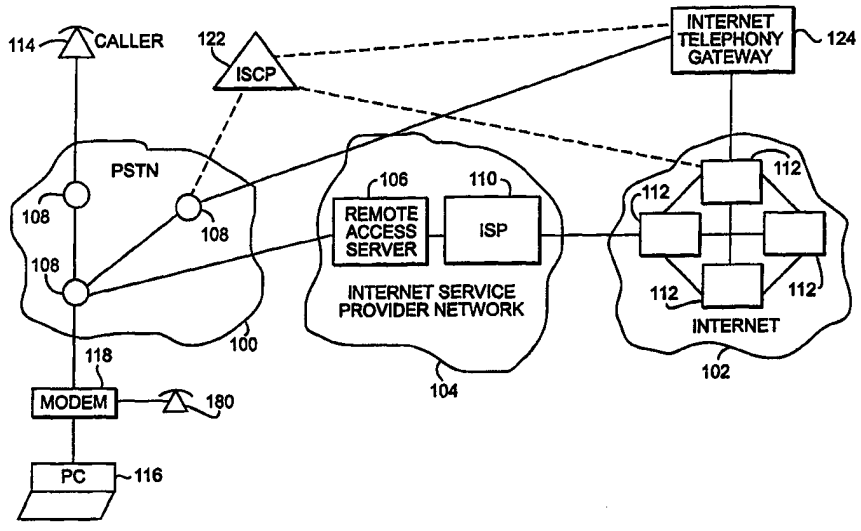
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Methods and apparatus for providing a "never busy" telephony service to internet users is described. Internet users register their use with, for example, an internet telephony gateway, an intelligent network service control point ("ISCP"), or some other network directory system. Telephone calls placed to the user while the user is communicating with the internet are processed accordingly. The ISCP instructs the switch to route a call for the user to the internet telephony gateway if the user has registered. The internet telephony gateway establishes an internet based telephone call to the user to alert the user to the phone call.

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